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BLACKSMITH makes and repairs iron objects by hammering them by hand on an anvil. First, the iron is heated to a red glow in a forge which is kept hot by hand-operated bellows (see *Bellows*). Then, the blacksmith, or *smith*, can shape and weld such objects as axes, latches, andirons, and farm and household tools

Blacksmith still finds some work today because of the popularity of thoroughbred and harness racing.

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and utensils. Perhaps the most important articles smiths made in the past were horseshoes to protect the feet of horses. Smiths who shod horses were once called *farriers*, which came from a Latin word meaning *of iron*. The automobile and mass-production methods have practically eliminated blacksmiths today. **Romer J. Taylor**
See also *FORGING; WILLIAMSBURG* (picture).



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